

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~treating or~~ simultaneously preventing hearing loss of retro-cochlear origin ~~associated with epilepsy and epileptic seizures~~, the method comprising prophylactically administering to a subject in need thereof vinpocetine, in a sufficient amount for simultaneously inhibiting auditory tract alterations ~~and linked to the~~ hearing loss ~~caused by epilepsy and seizures~~.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising ~~treating~~ preventing hearing loss of ~~central~~ retro-cochlear origin, characterized by inhibiting an increase in auditory threshold ~~induced by pentylenetetrazole and 4-aminopyridine~~.

4. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) ~~A method for~~ The method of claim 1, comprising preventing epileptic seizures, ~~the method comprising the administration of vinpocetine in an amount effective for inhibiting seizures caused by epilepsy~~, characterized by inhibiting epileptic cortical activity for ictal and post-ictal periods.

5 - 8. (Canceled)